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Fountaindale Library "By The Numbers"

(July 2002-June 2003)

Number of cardholders
45,593

New cardholders registered
9,032

Library visitors
481996

Population of District
65,113

Budget
$5.4 million

Number of employees
105 (78 FTE)

Size of collection
298,684

Items added
50,022

Annual circulation
747,593

Reference questions answered
84,051

Bookmobile visits (six months)
15,583

Bookmobile circulation (six months)
16,539

Program attendance
82,810

Programs presented
2,588

Building size
BB: 48,000 sq. ft.
RV: 48,000 sq. ft.

Established
1970

Website hits
340,216

Anderson Named Library Director

"I am very excited about the opportunity to work with the exceptional group of employees at Fountaindale in providing library services to the communities of Bolingbrook and Romeoville. We have an outstanding library district and we want to continue to expand and enhance library services."

—Karen Anderson, Library Director

Karen Anderson spoke these words after the Board of Trustees appointed her to the position of Library Director on June 16, 2003. Karen is a 25-year employee of the Library and has served as the Deputy Director of the Library since 1986. Karen completed her Masters in Library Science from Northern Illinois University in 1983. Marianne Thompson, Coordinator of Information Services describes Karen as "a professional and dedicated Library Director who is committed to excellence in library service to the District customers through new technology and knowledgeable staff." Karen is an ambassador and advocate of library and community services. As Jane Whiteside, Collection Development Coordinator stated, "Karen is a people-oriented person who is committed to the Library District and the communities in which she works." Karen's dedication to service is evident in her years of service in the community. Karen has served on the Board of Directors of the Bolingbrook Chamber of Commerce since 1995 and served as President of the Bolingbrook Chamber of Commerce in 1998/99. Karen serves as a Director on the Romeoville Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and is a member of the Romeoville Downtown Redevelopment Committee. Karen is a member of the Bolingbrook Rotary Club and served as President of the Club in 2000/01. She is a member of the Bolingbrook Chapter of the American Association of University Women and was recognized in 2002 with the Women in High Esteem award. Karen was the recipient of the Bolingbrook Jaycees Distinguished Service Award in 1998.

Karen lives in Bolingbrook with her husband, Frank. They have two grown children.

Library Director Karen Anderson (left) pictured with Racheal Perek, School Programs Associate in the Romeoville library Children's Department

Adult
Calendar of Events

September 3, 7:00 p.m.	Mystery Book Club	BB
September 8, 10:00 a.m.	Book Discussion Group	BB
September 8, 7:00 p.m.	Romance Book Club	BB
September 10, 7:00 p.m.	Great Reads Book Club	RV
September 11, 7:00 p.m.	Estate Planning	BB
September 15, 7:00 p.m.	Kuumba Book Club	BB
September 25, 7:00 p.m.	Estate Planning	RV
October 1, 7:00 p.m.	Mystery Book Club	BB
October 8, 7:00 p.m.	Great Reads Book Club	RV
October 13, 10:00 a.m.	Book Discussion Group	BB
October 13, 7:00 p.m.	Romance Book Club	BB
October 20, 7:00 p.m.	Kuumba Book Club	BB
October 23, 7:00 p.m.	College Planning	BB
October 27, 7:00 p.m.	College Planning	RV
November 5, 7:00 p.m.	Mystery Book Club	BB
November 10, 10:00 a.m.	Book Discussion Group	BB
November 10, 7:00 p.m.	Romance Book Club	BB
November 12, 7:00 p.m.	Great Reads Book Club	RV
November 13, 10:00 a.m.	Wills and Trusts	BB
November 17, 7:00 p.m.	Kuumba Book Club	BB
November 18, 10:00 a.m.	Wills and Trusts	RV
December 3, 7:00 p.m.	Mystery Book Club	BB
December 8, 10:00 a.m.	Book Discussion Group	BB
December 8, 7:00 p.m.	Romance Book Club	BB
December 10, 7:00 p.m.	Great Reads Book Club	RV
December 15, 7:00 p.m.	Kuumba Book Club	BB

Securing Your Future . . .

Fountaindale Public Library and Hemlock Federal Bank will be presenting six workshops for your financial needs.

Estate Planning—No matter what your age, if you fail to plan, you plan to fail. Some of the topics that will be covered are: set short term and long-term goals, estate plans and will I have enough money?

Thursday, September 11, 2003 ..... Bolingbrook 7 – 8 p.m.
Thursday, September 25, 2003 ..... Romeoville 7 – 8 p.m.

College Planning (529 Seminar)

Some of the types of plans that will be discussed are Coverdell, Taxable Savings account and 529 plans.

Thursday, October 23, 2003 ..... Bolingbrook 7 – 8 p.m.
Monday, October 27, 2003 ..... Romeoville 7 – 8 p.m.

Wills and Trusts—Which is right for me? Learn how wills and trusts can help you achieve these important goals and which will best help meet the particular needs of you and your loved ones.

Thursday, November 13 ..... Bolingbrook 10 – 11 a.m.
Tuesday, November 18 ..... Romeoville 10 – 11 a.m.

These seminars will be held in the Community Rooms in each building. Refreshments will be provided and prizes will be awarded. Please join us for an evening of information. You may register at (630) 759-2102, ext. 34 in Bolingbrook or (815) 886-2030, ext. 17 in Romeoville. Any questions, please contact Cindy Palermo, (630) 759- 2102, ext. 10 or Yvonne McCurrie, (815) 886-2030, ext. 30.

Attention All Book Lovers!

If you love reading books, you'll want to check out the links in the new Book Lovers section of the library's web page. You'll find links to web sites for mystery fans, science fiction buffs, and romance readers, among many others. You can even subscribe to the free "Chapter-a-Day" book club. It's one-stop shopping for serious (and even the not-so-serious) book fan. Just click on "book lovers" in the left column of the library's home page at **fountaindale.lib.il.us**.

What Do I Read Next?

You know that sinking feeling when you turn to the last page of the most recent book by your favorite author and you've read every single other thing they've ever written? Well, never fear, we're there to help! Our staff at the Readers Services desk can help you find answers to questions like, What do I read next? Who writes like_____(fill in the blank with your favorite author)? Can you recommend a good book to read? Actually, librarians live for these kinds of questions! So, the next time you need help finding a good book to read, want to reserve an upcoming title, need to find out about an author for your book club, or just want to talk about books, visit or call the Readers Services desk on the main level of the Bolingbrook library or the Information Desk in Romeoville. While you're there, don't forget to pick up a list with author read-alikes or suggestions for future fiction reading. We look forward to seeing you.

Free Computer Classes

The Fountaindale Public Library District offers three different computer classes for adult and young adult library users: **Introduction to Computers**, **Getting Started on the Internet**, and **Introduction to Microsoft Word**. The classes are each a one-time two-hour class and are free of charge. They are intended to give users a basic introduction to a particular computer application or program using a combination of lecture and hands-on computer experience. You must pre-register for computer classes. A variety of times are offered for your convenience. To register for classes, please visit the Information Desk at Bolingbrook or Romeoville or call (630) 759-2102, ext. 34 or (815) 886-2030, ext.17.

Book Clubs

The Fountaindale Public Library offers five different book clubs for you to enjoy on Monday and Wednesdays. New members are welcome! You can request a copy of the following titles at any of the library's service desks.

Great Reads Book Club reads both fiction and non-fiction. It meets at 7:00 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month in Romeoville.
September 10 ..... ***Bel Canto*** by Ann Patchett
October 8 ..... ***The Hours*** by Michael Cunningham
November 12 ..... ***The Secret Life of Bees*** by Sue Monk Kidd
December 10 ..... ***Skipping Christmas*** by John Grisham
Contact Pam Kloser (815) 886-2030, ext. 17, for more information.

Romance Book Club meets at 7:00 p.m. on the second Monday of each month in Bolingbrook.
September 8 ..... ***A Child on the Way*** by Janis Reams Hudson
October 13 .... ***Until the Real Thing Comes Along*** by Elizabeth Berg
November 10 ..... ***The Endearment*** by LaVyrle Spencer
December 8 ..... ***Green Calder Grass*** by Janet Dailey
Contact Cindy Palermo, (630) 759-2102, ext. 19, for more information.

Kuumba Book Club meets at 7:00 p.m. on the third Monday of each month in Bolingbrook during the school year.
(No meeting in January)
September 15 ..... ***P. G. County*** by Connie Briscoe
October 20 ..... ***Fearless Jones*** by Walter Mosley
November 17 ..... ***Atlanta Live*** by Carmen Green
December 15 ..... ***Father Found*** by R.M. Johnson
Contact Helen Poyer, (630) 759-2102, ext. 49, for more information.

Mystery Book Club meets at 7:00 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month in Bolingbrook.
September 3 ..... ***The Saints of God Murders*** by Charles Meyer
October 1 ... ***Sunday the Rabbi Stayed Home*** by Harry Kemelman
November 5 ..... ***The DaVinci Code*** by Dan Brown
December 3 ..... ***Advent for Dying*** by Sister Carol Anne O'Marie
May 7 ... ***Murder at the Library of Congress*** by Margaret Truman
Contact Judy Prawiec, (630) 759-2102, ext. 15, for more information.

New Book Discussion Group

In September, the Fountaindale Public Library in Bolingbrook is starting a new fiction book discussion group that meets on the second Monday of each month. The first meeting is on Monday, September 8, 2003 at 10:00 a.m. Coffee and refreshments will be served. The book club is open to all. Please join us and bring a friend! For further information, contact Judy Prawiec at (630) 759- 2102, ext. 15.

New Reference Databases

Information Services announces several databases that have been updated, and several new ones added this past summer. Access is available on the Database computers in the Information Services units at Bolingbrook and Romeoville. NewsBank, WorldCat, and Illinet Online are available on our website: fountaindale.lib.il.us. Select Information Services from the left, and then select Online Databases on the right side of the page.

We have many more databases than listed here. To get assistance with any of these resources, please ask at the Information Services desks. Watch for the upcoming announcement of training classes for our databases!

NEWSPAPERS:

- ***Chicagoland:*** full text content of local & regional news
- ***Chicago Sun-Times:*** full text content, 1986-present
- ***Chicago Tribune* Online:** full text content, 1985-present
- ***Chicago Tribune* Historical Archive:** index and articles from 1870-1977
- ***Daily Herald:*** full text content, 1997-present
- ***Herald News:*** full text content
- ***Naperville Sun:*** full text content
- ***News Illinois:*** selected news articles from Illinois newspapers, 1997- present.

BUSINESS DATABASES:

Dun & Bradstreet Million Dollar Directory—information on 1,600,000 US & Canadian companies, public & private; industry information; number of employees; annual sales; prinicipal executives & biographies.

Mergent Online—information on 10,000 US public companies, 17,000 non-US public companies, & 18,000 municipal companies; corporate & municipal bonds, UIT, and dividend information.

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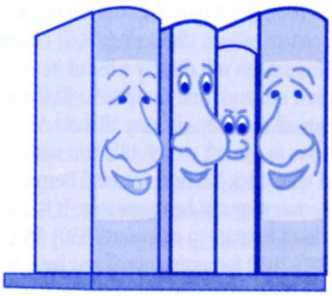


Reference Databases *(cont'd)*

GENERAL INFORMATION:

Reference USA—a "phonebooks on line" type product, that provides addresses, phones numbers, and some demographic information on 12 million US businesses, 102 million US residents, 683,000 US health care providers, 1 million Canadian businesses, and 11 million Canadian residents.

Infotrac—Indexes include:

- General Reference Center 1980-present: index to journals, magazines, & newspaper articles, many full-text
- AncestryPlus: 2 billion genealogy & local history records; Federal Census 1790-present; American Genealogical Biography Index; Passenger & Immigration Lists Index.
- Business & Company Profiles 1980-present: research on companies, markets, and industries.
- Literature Resource Center: access to biographies, bibliographies, and critical analyses of authors from every literary age and discipline.

FirstSearch—Indexes include:

- ABI Inform: US and international articles on business and management
- Books In Print: listing of in-print, out-of-print, forthcoming books, audios, videos with reviews
- ERIC: listing of reports and journal articles on education
- HealthInfo: Health and wellness information for consumers, students, and professionals
- Periodical Abstracts: index of abstracts and full-text articles from general and academic journals
- WilsonSelectPlus: index of full text articles on general subjects.

For additional information, call (630) 759-2102, ext. 34 or (815) 886-2030, ext. 17.

Renew Library Materials Online!

Renew your library materials from your home computer via the library's website, http://webcat.fountaindale.lib.il.us, or from any online catalog in your library. From home, visit http://webcat.fountaindale.lib.il.us and click on "Users Services" and click on "Renew Materials," filling in your user ID (your library card number) and your PIN (Personal Identification Number). If you don't have a PIN or do not know what it is, please call us. Next, click "List Charged Items." This screen will display a list of items you have checked out and their due dates. You may either renew all items by clicking "Renew All" or check the box to the left o each title you wish to renew and then click "Renew Selected Items." Some materials may not be renewable. It is a bit tricky, so don't hesitate to call us at (630) 759-2102 or (815) 886-2030 for assistance if you have any difficulties.

Young Adult
Calendar of Events

All Fall	Casting Call	BB, RV
September 4, 7:00 p.m.	Zine Kick-Off Meeting	RV
September 8, 7:00 p.m.	Zine Kick-Off Meeting	BB
September 9, 3:00 p.m.	Teen Chess Club	BB
September 11, 6:00 p.m.	Teen Chess Club	RV
September 22, 3:00 p.m.	Magic, the Gathering Tournament	BB
October 7, 3:00 p.m.	Teen Chess Club	BB
October 9, 6:00 p.m.	Teen Chess Club	RV
October 20, 7:00 p.m.	Teen Read Week Poetry Slam	BB
October 21, 3:30 p.m.	Pizza and Pages—Teen Book Club	RV
October 22, 7:00 p.m.	Teen Read Week Poetry Slam	RV
October 27, 6:30 p.m.	The Pharaoh's Curse	BB
October 29, 6:30 p.m.	The Pharaoh's Curse	RV
October 30, 7:00 p.m.	Jazz Band R.H.S.	RV
November	Superhero Super Sleuth Contest	BB, RV
November 4, 3:00 p.m.	Teen Chess Club	BB
November 6, 6:00 p.m.	Teen Chess Club	RV
November 11, 1:00 p.m.	Yu-Gi-Oh! Tournament	RV
November 20, 7:00 p.m.	Jazz Band R.H.S.	RV
December 9, 3:00 p.m.	Teen Chess Club	BB
December 9, 3:30 p.m.	Pizza and Pages—Teen Book Club	RV
December 11, 6:00 p.m.	Teen Chess Club	RV

Get Creative @ Your Library

This fall we are offering many programs teens can attend to get inspired, or they can create something on their own and we'll have the perfect way to show case their wonderful creations. The first such program is…

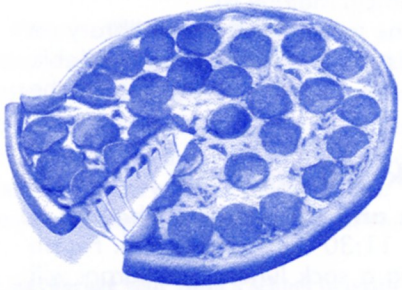
Casting Call—So you think you've got what it takes to be a director, eh? Well, why don't you put your film where your mouth is. Fountaindale Public Library is looking for film makers and their films. We want to host our very own Film Festival in the Spring of 2004 but we need films to show. So break out the story boards, and get your musical friends to write some songs, 'cause Hollywood is coming to town! Submit your film to either Tasha in Bolingbrook or Heather B. in Romeville by December 15, 2003 to be considered for our Film Festival. The film must be in VHS or CD format, can not run longer than fifteen minutes, and must have something to do with books, the library, or reading. So go to it. You have a limited amount of time to create your masterpiece! Academy Awards, here you come! See Tasha or Heather for more information. This is open to students from 6th grade thru 12th grade.

Or if writing or drawing is more you style try the… **Zine Kick-Off Meeting**. Join us for this year's kick-off meeting of Fountaindale's creative arts magazine by and for teens, X-Press Yourself. Are you a writer, an artist, or a comic creator? Bring your submissions or ideas, either completed or still under construction, get some feedback and encouragement, and get together with some creative people to work on this popular local magazine! We'll be meeting in Romeoville on September 4 and in Bolingbrook on September 8 from 7:00-8:00 p.m.

And then we have the **Teen Read Week Poetry Slam**. Get ready for poetry SLAMMIN' @ your library during Teen Read Week, October 19–25! Poetry comes in many forms and styles and in a variety of subjects. Poems can be fiction, nonfiction, novels, collections, in English or other languages, and it doesn't have to be stale and boring—it can be slammin' performance art. Bring your original work to perform at our Poetry Slam, or come be a part of the audience that will help decide the winners. We'll slam in Bolingbrook on Monday, October 20 and in Romeoville on Wednesday, October 22. Both Poetry Slams begin at 7:00 p.m. It's Teen Read Week—read for the fun of it!

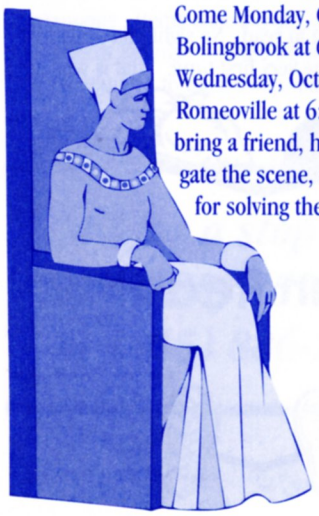
Pizza and Pages: Teen Book Club

Have you been puzzled by why a character does what he does, what an author was trying to say through her book, or interested in discussing some of the more controversial issues that sometimes come up in young adult fiction? Then Pizza and Pages is for you. Pizza and Pages is Fountaindale Public Library's Teen Book Club, just for young adults who are looking for a place to talk about what they read. Join us after school on Tuesday, October 21 in Romeoville. We'll meet from 3:30 – 5:00 p.m. to discuss the newest and best in teen fiction and have a slice of pizza. Give us a call to find out how to get your hands on a copy of the book we'll be reading.



The Pharaoh's Curse

Put on your detective cap and grab your magnifying glass—we've got a mystery to solve! Come to the library for an interactive mystery game to get you into the Halloween Spirit. Just one hour after being crowned "Queen of the Nile" at her high school prom, Amara Fahdi was found injured and unconscious at the bottom of a staircase. Was it an unfortunate accident or attempted murder?



Come Monday, October 27 to Bolingbrook at 6:30 p.m. or Wednesday, October 29 to Romeoville at 6:30 p.m. and bring a friend, help us investigate the scene, and win prizes for solving the crime!

Children
Calendar of Events

September 8	Storytime Registration Begins	BB, RV
September 15, 7:00 p.m.	Family Campout Storytime	RV
September 22 - October 24	Storytime (Session I)	BB, RV
October 9, 7:00 p.m.	Talkabout Group	BB
October 20	Storytime Registration Begins	BB, RV
October 30, 10:30 a.m. & 3:30 p.m.	Giggly Ghostly Fun	RV
October 30, 7:00 p.m.	Halloween Howl	BB
November 6, 7:00 p.m.	Family Fun Fest	BB
November 7, 11:30 a.m.	Rebecca Caudill Booktalk & Luncheon	BB
November 7, 2:00 p.m.	Card Trading / Game Day	BB
November 10 - December 12	Storytime (Session II)	BB, RV
November 11, 11:00 a.m.	American Girl Tea, Kaya	BB, RV
November 11, 2:00 p.m.	American Girl Tea, Kaya	BB
November 12, 3:30 p.m.	Family Fun Fest	RV
November 13, 7:00 p.m.	Legend of Lady Ilena, Author Visit	BB
December 4, 7:00 p.m.	Talkabout Group	BB
December 17, 10:30 a.m.	Holiday Party	RV
December 17, 1:30 p.m.	Holiday Party	BB
January 8, 7:00 p.m.	Talkabout Group	BB

It's Time for Storytime

The long tradition of Storytime at Fountaindale continues this fall, when the library hosts an abundance of Storytimes in the Bolingbrook and Romeoville libraries. Children from newborn to fifth grade will find Storytimes to suit them. The first five-week session runs the weeks of September 22 - October 24. Registration begins September 8. Registration for the second session of Storytime, running the weeks of November 10 - December 12, will begin on October 20. Pick up a brochure at the Children's Services desk for details or ask a staff member for more information.

Diez Deditos Storytime

Diez Deditos is a family storytime series with stories in Spanish and English. You do not need to know Spanish to attend. Children of all ages with an adult are welcome. The bilingual storytimes will be at the Bolingbrook library on Mondays, from 7:00 - 7:30 p.m. The first five-week session runs the weeks of September 22 - October 20. Registration begins September 8.

The second five-week session runs the weeks of November 10 - December 8. Registration begins October 20. ***This special storytime is funded through a grant from Target.***

Holiday Happenings

Giggly Ghostly Fun!

Tattered clouds drifting across a full harvest moon, the wind whispering in the trees, a glowing campfire reflected in the wide eyes of young and old alike . . . don't you just love a good ghost story? So does Diane Ladley! Diane weaves her amazing collection of legends, tales, songs, poems, and original stories with a dramatic flair that enrapt her audiences in a spell of laughter and delicious fright. You are welcome to wear your Halloween costume to Giggly Ghostly Fun. The programs will be on Thursday, October 30, from 10:30 - 11:15 a.m. and 3:30 - 4:15 p.m. in Romeoville. All ages welcome. Tickets available October 23.

Halloween Howl

Bats and cats and kids and rats are making their way to the Bolingbrook library for the Halloween Howl. All ages are welcome to wear their costumes for stories, songs, and refreshments. The fun begins Thursday, October 30, from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. Tickets available October 23.

Holiday Party

Santa Claus and his Elf are coming to help celebrate the holidays. Join us for a storytime and songs on Wednesday, December 17, from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. at the Romeoville library and 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. at the Bolingbrook library. Tickets available December 10.

Monthly Pursuits

The libraries in Bolingbrook and Romeoville offer a variety of programs every month. Preschoolers enjoy **Preschool Activity Time**, a period of active games and play. **Preschool Craft Time** in Romeoville and **First Friday Crafts** in Bolingbrook introduce children and adults to a variety of craft experiences. School-age children can participate in **Let's Create**, an after-school workshop in Romeoville.

Computers for Kids teaches a different skill each month: keyboarding, Internet surfing, creating a Web page, and using Word are on this fall's schedule. **Introduction to the Internet** classes for children in grades 2 – 5 with an adult are available every Saturday in both libraries.

All library programs are free of charge, but registration is required. For specific information regarding these and other programs, visit the Kid Space page of our Web site, www.fountaindale.lib.il.us, or pick up a monthly calendar/newsletter at the Children's Services Desk.

Fall Family Fun

Children of all ages are invited to bring their families to the Romeoville library for a **Campout Storytime** on Monday, September 15, from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. Come and join us for spooky campfire stories, campfire songs, and a snack. Bring your blankets, thermos, flashlights and your family. Registration begins September 8. Limit: 35.

Learn about four different cultures through crafts at the **Family Fun Fest**. Decorate a piñata from Mexico, create an African cave drawing, write your family name in Egyptian hieroglyphics, and make a Jewish dreidel. Come to Bolingbrook on November 6 from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m or to Romeoville on November 12 from 3:30 - 5 p.m. All ages are welcome with an adult. Limit: 50.

Children in grades K - 5 with an adult are cordially invited to an **American Girl Tea** on Tuesday, November 11. Learn about **Kaya**, a Nez Perce girl, and her times, create a Native American craft, and enjoy refreshments. Three programs will be offered: 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 in both Romeville and Bolingbrook, 2:00 - 3:00 pm in Bolingbrook. Register starting November 4. Limit: 48 children and adults.

Trio of Rebecca Caudill Events

Each year fourth to eighth graders in Illinois select a book to win the Rebecca Caudill Young Readers' Award. We encourage children and young adults to participate in this program at the library.

This fall we are excited to offer two special events – a visit by Patricia Malone, author of one of the nominated titles, and a luncheon and booktalk featuring all the 2004 selections. Pick up a copy of the annotated book list at a Children's Services desk.

Share your opinions about some of these books and enjoy a tasty snack at the Talkabout Group, our book club for kids and adults.

The Legend of Lady Ilena

Patricia Malone is the author of *The Legend of Lady Ilena*, a historical novel for grades four and up. This carefully researched story, set in Britain at the beginning of the Dark Ages, provides an excellent glimpse of the way people lived before the late middle ages. Patricia Malone will introduce her book, discuss what your life would be like in Ilena's time, and talk about the writing process. If you remember Mrs. Emmerich, who taught at Oak View School for 17 years, then you know who Patricia Malone is!

We are excited to welcome Patricia Malone to the Bolingbrook library on Tuesday, November 4, from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. Free tickets are available October 28. Books may be purchased at the program for signing by the author.

Rebecca Caudill Booktalk and Luncheon

The annual **Rebecca Caudill Booktalk and Luncheon** will be held in Bolingbrook on Friday, November 7, from 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Fourth through eighth graders are invited to bring a sack lunch. The library will provide a beverage and a dessert. Readers will learn about the Rebecca Caudill Young Readers' Book Award and hear about the titles nominated for the 2004 award while they eat. Register for this program starting October 24.

Talkabout Group

Join the Talkabout Group at the Bolingbrook library. Kids from 4th through 8th grade and their parents are invited to participate in this book discussion group, which will meet on Thursdays from 7:00-8:00 p.m. on October 9, December 4, and January 8. Here is a perfect opportunity to share your opinions and thoughts about some terrific books with other readers. Register at the Children's Services desk.

I Can Read

One thing the library is proud of is how it encourages children to read. No sight fills us with greater joy than to see a child pick up a book and read for the very first time. That is why the Fountaindale Public Libraries began the "I Can Read" program. Any child who has just learned to read is invited to share a few lines from an Easy Reader book with a Children's Services staff member. Children who read to us will receive an "I Can Read" button and a Certificate of Achievement.

Bookmobile Stops for Fall/Spring 2003 - 2004

Thanks to all who visited the Bookmobile over the summer and also those who visited during our "maiden voyage" which began last February and continued through May. During the school year, we averaged nearly 5,000 checkouts per month! In the spirit of keeping our positive momentum going, here are a few tips to follow to make the most of your visit or your child's visit to the bookmobile:

- **Always remember to bring your library card!** Having your library card expedites the check out process.

- **Parents: The responsibility for the selection of your child's reading material rests with you.** Parents or legal guardians are responsible for deciding what library materials are appropriate for their children. Please discuss your expectations with your children so their bookmobile experiences will be enjoyable ones.

- **Encourage your child's school to post Bookmobile dates on the school outdoor changeable signs.** This serves as a great due-date reminder! Please note: Children (and adult patrons as well) also always receive a receipt or bookmark to remind them and to inform you of when the books are due.

- **Bookmobile books can always be returned at the library locations in Bolingbrook and Romeoville at any time.** The bookmobile is another extension of the library, so if items are returned at either location, the items will be promptly checked in and delivered back to the Bookmobile. Items checked out from the library locations in Bolingbrook and Romeoville may also be returned to the Bookmobile.

Call for a stop near you: (630) 759-2102 or (815) 886-2030

FRIENDS OF FOUNTAINDALE LIBRARY

Friend of the Fountaindale Library . . .

Our mission is to intensify community awareness about the use of the library, and to sponsor programs, which add to the cultural life of the community and encourage good readers. Why do we help? Because…

- 90% of children "at risk" for reading failure will become fluent readers, if identified early and given intervention.
- Because 20% of American adult readers read at a fifth-grade level or lower.
- Because 35% of children with reading disabilities drop out of school, a rate twice that of their classmates.
- Because 50% of juvenile delinquents manifest some kind of learning disability, primarily in the area of reading.
- Because studies show that children who read more, read better.

This past year, friends has helped fund books for the bookmobile, new display cases for both library locations, complimentary coffee carts, scholarship awards, awards for the Summer Reading Program, and more.

We encourage you to become part of "Friends" and make a positive impact on your community. By volunteering your time assisting with book sales, selling cds at summer concerts, and helping with other community events, you too can make a difference.

Jennifer Peterson
President

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- **If you have any comments or concerns, please feel welcome to contact the Bookmobile Services Department directly at (630) 759-2102, extension 46.** We'll be glad to assist you or answer any questions you may have.

Thanks for a great year! The Bookmobile Services Department looks forward to serving the community this upcoming year and many more.

The Bookmobile makes its rounds

Welcome to . . .

Issac Palmer, Maureen Hayes Leyva, and Meredith Bromfield who were elected to the Board of Trustees of the Fountaindale Public Library in April, 2003.

Fountaindale Board elects new officers:

The Fountaindale board of Trustees elected new officers at the board meeting in May, 2003.

President—Margaret J. (Peggy) Danhof
Vice-President—Ruth Newell
Secretary—Meredith Bromfield
Treasurer—Isaac Palmer

Special Thanks to . . .

Mary Kay Smith, Sharon Highler, Ruth Sanecki and Anna Wallace Standifer for their years of service to Fountaindale Public Library District as trustees.

Good Luck to . . .

Lydia Acosta in her new position as Director of the Baton Rouge Public Library in Louisiana.

Thanks to our summer reading sponsors:

- Bolingbrook Park District
- Culver's
- DuPage County Children's Museum
- DuPage County Fair
- Haunted Trails Amusement Center
- IHOP (Rt. 53)
- Meijer (W. Boughton)
- Mindy's Ribs
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This brochure highlights the programming activities scheduled at the Fountaindale Public Library in Bolingbrook and Romeoville. Monthly program calendars may be picked up in each library for complete details. Programming is available for adults, young adults, and children. Residents of the Library District are invited to attend programs in both buildings **FREE OF CHARGE**. A sign language interpreter for the hearing impaired will be provided for a program upon 1 week advance request.

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